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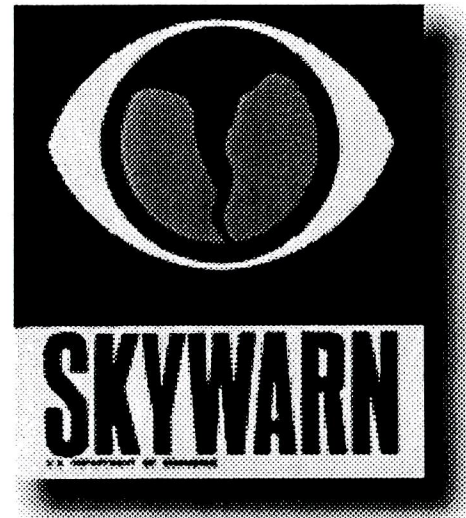
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October 1997

General Meeting Program



Mr. Joseph Miketta of NOAA will explain this observer-based system utilizing amateur radio operators to enhance local hazardous weather reporting. All members attending Joe's presentation will receive a certificate. This is a great opportunity to help your community, and enhance the status of amateur radio in this spectrum-hungry era.

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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 p.m.—SHARP!

CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

Internet Web site: <http://www.comcat.com/pmrc>

E-mail: pmrc@comcat.com

2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but transmits 91.5 Hz.)

Additional off-site receivers require the following subaudible tones:

Southampton 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz—Broomall 85.4 Hz

70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I
The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

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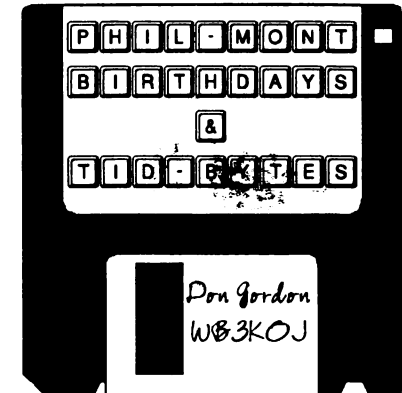
NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
THURSDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	YOUTH NET

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Ed Masarsky - KB3IV
Charlie Phelps - N3OOV
- 02 Steve Bromhead - KB2RTZ*
- 03 Lisa Brady - KA3VIL (XYL N3IEI)
Ben Persofsky - KA3WWK
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- 09 Jerri Ives (XYL W3SMA)
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- 10 Patricia DiNardi - (XYL N3XKE)
- 11 Charlye Johnson, Jr. - KC3J
Howard Trout - W3IGW
- 12 Dan Greene - K3HES*
- 14 John Frombach - KA3LCF
Bill Mescanti, Jr. - WB3KUR
- 21 Joan Knickerbocker (XYL W3RJA*)
- 23 Monica Johnson - KA3OIC*
Ed Rykaczewski - W3ALM
- 24 Phil Swartz - N3RBX
Chris Vance - N3WCO
- 25 Rosalie Weinberg (XYL WP4MSX)
- 28 Jim Lear - KB3AIS
Charlie Stouth - W3ZPP
- 31 Dick Klein - W3WXC

*Indicates new member 1996-97



MEMBERSHIP STATS.

165 FULL
18 FAMILY
13 YOUTH
3 HONORARY
3 PENDING
202

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...contact Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN, for details.

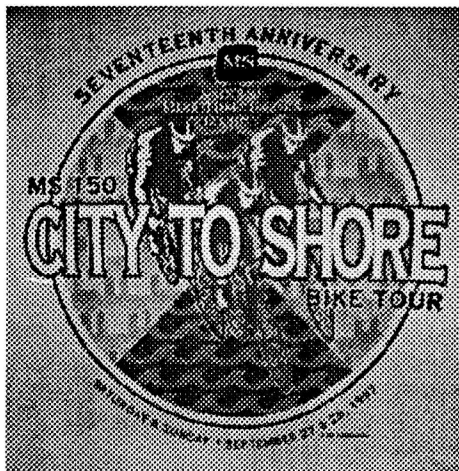
DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT

The midyear supplement to the 1997 PMRC Membership Directory is included with this issue. In addition to new listings, members who have changed their call or addresses are also noted. If you have changes please note them on your 1998 Dues Invoice, which will be included with your January *Blurb*.

E-MAIL/PACKET LISTING

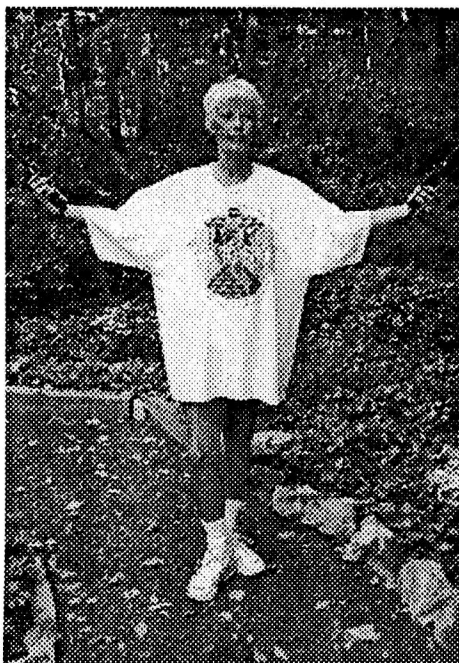
Please note the E-MAIL/PACKET listing. If you would like to be included on the 1998 list (published in April) please send your information to: wb3koj@comcat.com
OR wb3koj@w3ch.#epa.pa.usa.noam

MS 150 Tee Shirt Logo



View these photos in color on our Web site.

One Size Fits All!



Jinny (size 5) models her shirt (XXL).

MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS

CALL: AA3BI
NAME: Valery Toropin
HANDLE: Larry
CLASS: Extra
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19446-2903
OCCUPATION: Engineer
HOME PHONE: 215-362-4153
BUSINESS PHONE: 215-361-6612
E-MAIL: valery_toropin@juno.com
PACKET:
COMMITTEES:

CALL: N3WPE
NAME: Gary Guy
HANDLE: Gary
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 104 Bruner Avenue
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19074
OCCUPATION: Machinist
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BUSINESS PHONE: 610-220-7475
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PACKET:
COMMITTEES: Special Events

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NAME: Jules Miller
HANDLE: Jules
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19020
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PACKET:
COMMITTEES: Special Events

The PREZ SEZ

Russ Stafford, W3CH



The largest public service event (the MS 150) is now over, and what a great time was had by all! Charlie (AA3EP) has two more events this year: one is the Arthritis Bike Tour in Chester Co., and the other is Brian's Run in December in West Chester, Pa. These are both small events, and take very little time. If you have never helped-out on a public service event before, this is a great place to learn. Pick one, or do them both!

Well, it's getting to be that time of the year! Running for a Phil-Mont office. Our party is looking for someone to fill the office of V.P. this year. If you think you would like to run with the "Party of Goals" give me a call.

If you would like to start a party! It's time to start one and run! Phil-Mont needs you.

Some upcoming things of interest:

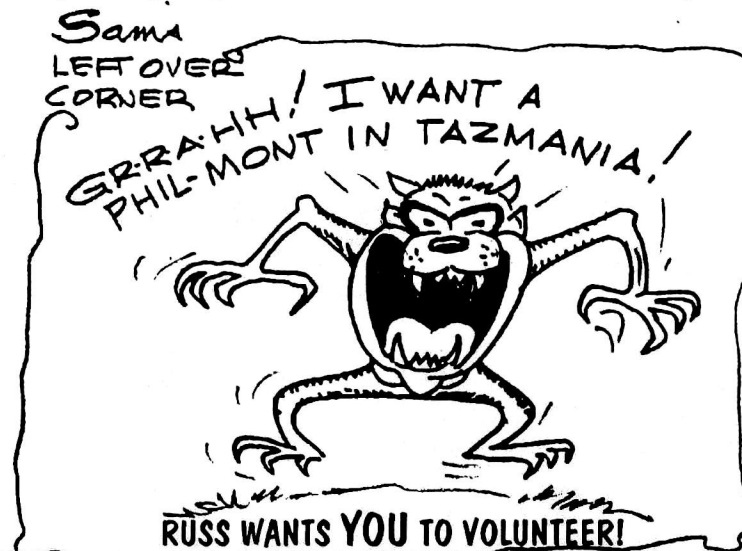
- The PMRC club breakfast. This is a family breakfast, and all are welcome. There is more information here in this month's *Blurb*.

- The move of the W3QV repeaters is getting very close; just about all the parts and pieces are now here, and we are just waiting for the "lower monkeys" to install all of the hardware.

- The Second Annual Phil-Mont Auction, coming up this January. It was a whole lot of fun last year, and will be even more this year.

One great thing about this past year was the increase in new members, and the increase in attendance at the meetings. Lots of great speakers, and just plain old fun. So, as they say—come on out to a Phil-Mont meeting, and see what all the talk is about.

Above all, support your club! Till next month 73 de Russ, W3CH ☺



UPCOMING

- Oct 2 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- Oct 8 **General Meeting Program:**
SkyWarn
- Oct 15 Directors' Meeting at
N3FVI's
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- Nov 5 Directors' Meeting at  
N3KQH & NU3Y's
- Nov 6 License Examinations at  
The Franklin Institute
- Nov 12 **General Meeting Program:**  
**Ol' Timers' Night**  
**Derrick Pitts, KA3NQN,**  
**The Franklin Institute's**  
**Chief Astronomer.**  
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- Future Programs**
- Dec Elections & Annual (Town) Meeting
- Jan 2nd Annual PMRC Auction with our
own favorite huckster, Russ, W3CH
- HAMFESTS**
- Oct. 5 WARRINGTON, PA
Pack Rats
- Oct 19 NEWTOWN, PA
Penn Wireless Assn.
- Oct 26 SELLERSVILLE, PA
RF Hill ARC

**Come to a Phil-Mont
meeting, and see what
all the talk is about!**

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. **The ARRL VEC's 1997 test fee is \$6.25; there is no charge for a Novice test.**

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
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Oct 5 Arthritis Bike Tour
Dec Brian's Run

UPGRADING YOUR LICENSE

Kornwell Chan, KC3DH

For those of you who wish to upgrade, there's a ham radio practice test Web site that's been in service for a while. I know many of you are looking forward to upgrade. Some of you might already know this, but for those who don't, this is an excellent opportunity for you to practice your eye-hand coordination. The URL is <http://www.biochem.mcw.edu/Post-docs/Simon/radio/exam.html> This is AA9PW's page.

The setup is so awesome; at least I was impressed. You could pick any license class of testing in any format (i.e. taking a test just like real; pick different elements or even certain questions, or even in random); all you have to do is use your friendly mouse

to click on the correct answers.

Another thing I liked was that you could develop your own User Name (like your ID), as you take different tests throughout a period of time (say every day for 2 weeks), it keeps track of your scores, passing percentage of EACH class and element in writings, charts and so forth, and nice graphics too!

Hey, don't you want to have a little fun down on the HF bands? As far as Solar Cycle 23 is concerned, solar flux ran at an all-time high on Sept. 8, at 119. The sunspot number is been at around the 60s. It has drifted off the last several days or so, but there are still plenty of things going on down there now. I know you still have to work on your CW though. So what do you say? ☺



MUTINY IN THE RANKS?

R.I.P. WFLN

5pm March 14, 1949
to
6pm September 5, 1997

Greater Media, WFLN's most recent owner has changed format and call letters, and as of Friday evening, WFLN ceased to exist.

Classical music on Philadelphia radio will return. Temple University's FM station, WRTI (90.1) plans to begin broadcasting some classical music on a daily basis soon. Stay tuned for details.

And thank you for being with us all these years.

We will miss you all.

Dave Conant (FMradio@aol.com), Jill Pasternak, Jack Moore, Jim Perry, Frank Kastner, Mark Pinto, Bill Gatens, Bill Shedden, Peter Bryant, Rolf Charlston and Dick James.

Final message from the staff of WFLN as posted on their Web site.

**P.M.R.C.
MEMBERS
MOURN
THE PASSING
OF
WFLN-
FM**



**WITH DEEPEST
REGRETS**

W3NE, W3BBB, K3GNM, W3RM, N3DHI
(AND MANY, MANY MORE)

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



The September Directors' Meeting was opened at 8:05 p.m. by Russ (W3CH) at CHI Institute, Southampton. The following Officers and Board members were there: Russ (W3CH), Bill (W3GQD), Carol (N3PVO), Jim (W3BBB), Steve (WU3I), Bob (K3KUD) and Ed (KB3IV). The following committees reported:

REPEATER - Jim (W3BBB) reported that the coordination has been approved for the VHF position of W3QV on the tower at the new site. The UHF coordination is expected shortly. The antenna will be installed at about 150' on the tower. The VHF antenna has been delivered, and the UHF antenna (either a Diamond or a Hustler, dual band) will be purchased by the end of the week. The connectors are on order, and we have the hard line. News on the Center City off-site is that it will be reinstalled shortly.

PUBLIC SERVICE - Russ (W3CH) reported that people are still needed to help-out with the MS 150 on Sept. 27th and 28th. A few people are also needed on Oct. 5th in Chester County, for the Arthritis Bike Tour.

SUNSHINE - Steve (WU3I) reported that club members appear to be doing fine "to the best of my knowledge." A card was sent to the family of Harry Lauer (N3ISO) who passed away in August.

YOUTH - Russ (W3CH) reported that Stefanie (KE3ZY) is now the sole chairperson of the Youth Committee. The Board discussed the lack of support for the Youth Net, by the youth of the club. It is hoped that

the number of youth check-ins will increase.

Blurb - Jack (W3IIM) reported that the October issue will contain a midyear supplement to the membership directory. Also, the electronic version of the *Blurb* will remain available on the web site.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Russ (W3CH) reported that the first annual Phil-Mont picnic was a success. A club breakfast is being planned for the near future. No pre-registration will be needed. Details will be announced.

W3AA - Steve (WU3I) reported that the 2-meter Kenwood 2570, from the ATV position in the console, is not working, and the Kenwood 2550 has been put in its place. The Kenwood 2570 needs to be replaced. Also the Kantronic, which is connected to the Midland 2-meter rig, and to the Kenwood 570, is not working right, and needs to be replaced, since it is a version 4 firmware, which is outdated.

BUDGET - Bob (K3KUD) reported that a committee is in place, and is comprised of Jim (W3BBB), Dick (W3RM), Ed (KB3IV), Mike (K2BN), and Bob (K3KUD). A meeting is tentatively set for Nov. 12th.

MEMBERSHIP - There were two applicants for membership this month: Daniel Green (K3HES), and Bob Gargano (N3YGY). A motion was made and approved to accept the applicants into membership. Welcome to both.

NEW BUSINESS - Jim (W3BBB) advised us that PMRC's 50th anniversary is approaching in 1999, and that he will take-

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MINUTES

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary

The 569th General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was opened at 7:49 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous month. The following reports were given:

TREASURER - Mike (K2BN) reported that we have reached that point in the year where the disbursements outweigh the receipts. Receipts were \$243.82 with \$311.85 in disbursements, and a net change in funds of -\$68.03. The bulk of expenditures were for the *Blurb*. To date we had budgeted to receive \$3,700 but have received \$4,600. We were budgeted to spend \$2,400 and have spent a little less than \$2,000. We should be able to cover the rest of the year's expenditures without any problems.

EMERGENCY COORDINATION - Gene (N3XKE) reported all to be a go-ahead with the City for "RACES."

FIELD DAY - Steve (WU3I) said "It's a little early, but I want to kick butt next year!" We have acquired three 30' towers, and two 3-element tri-band beams. Russ has a 10-meter beam for the club to use, and we have rotators courtesy of Wally (W3UK) and Irv (K3KNH). Things will be done a little differently next year, in that the antennas will be set-up on Friday afternoon, which is allowed by the Field Day rules.

MEMBERSHIP - Len (W3LEN) reported that the club went over the 200 member mark. Stefanie (KE3ZY) introduced our two newest members: Daniel (K3HES), and Bob (N3YGY). Stefanie also reported that there were four applications pending.

JULY GENERAL MEETING

NET CONTROL - Ed (KB3IV) reported that the CW net will resume on Sept. 16th. Net control operators are still needed to help with the net. All the other nets seem to running smoothly.

REPEATER - Rick (N3DHI) read a report from the elder Spencer. "Repeater Committee Report For September 10, 1997. Coordination has been approved for the VHF portion of W3QV at the Port Royal Avenue tower site. UHF is expected to follow shortly. The Sinclair VHF Station-Master has arrived, and a Hustler G6-270 has been purchased for 70 cm. This same antenna will serve as a back-up for the normal 2-meter antenna in the event of a failure.

"With the help of W3NE and W3YLT, we have picked up two brand new 300' pieces of 7/8" hardline. This was donated to the club courtesy of WA3BXW, Bill Ferguson. Connectors for this feedline are being fabricated, and should arrive shortly. The feedline saves us at least \$2,000.

"Antenna work will be performed by Don Trane in conjunction with other antenna work on the same tower. This will save us paid time in start-up and cleanup. We have not received an estimate as yet for the tower work. The 2-meter antenna will be installed at about 150' on the north leg of the tower. The 70 cm. antenna will be just below 2-meters on the same leg.

"Our present contract, with the City of Philadelphia, does not include keys for the gate and building. Because of this inconvenience, we are investigating the possibility of a separate 8x8 building to house the entire repeater. If we can receive permis-

HARRY LAUER, N3ISO SK

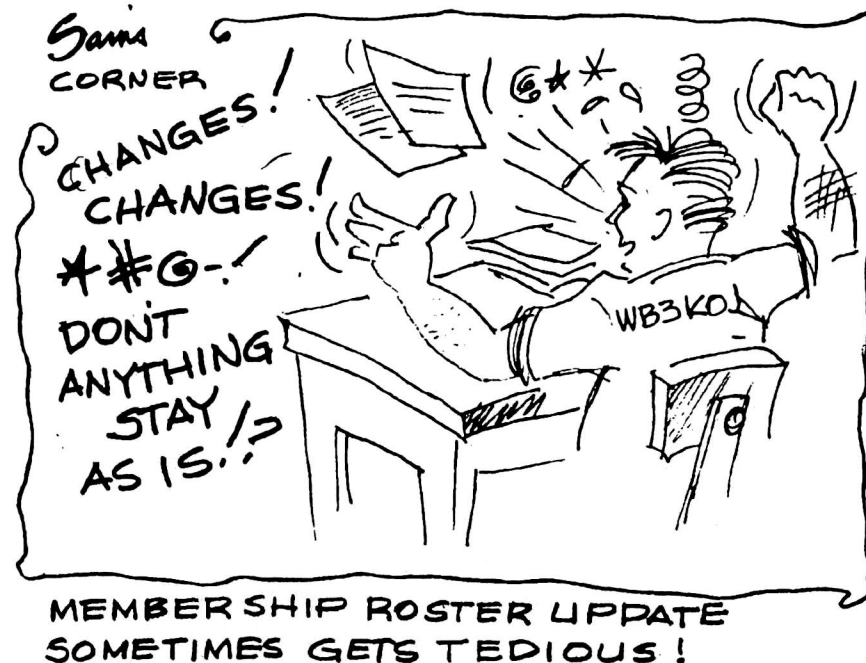
Text of speech to be given by Larry Kane on Saturday evening, September 27.

It's very difficult when you lose one of your own. When you were pedaling down today, did you happen to notice that the Waterford Works Rest Stop had a sign proclaiming it the 'Harry Lauer (N3ISO) Memorial Rest Stop'? You may have wondered why or who was Harry Lauer.

Harry Lauer was one of our longtime Ham Radio volunteers. Sadly, he passed away in August at the age of 74 after a long illness. Regardless of the fact that he was on oxygen most of the time, he insisted on continuing to perform his yearly task of stuffing all of the Ham Radio volunteer packages. This would have been his 10th year on the tour. Aside from staffing the first rest stop along the route, Harry did much work behind the scenes all year long for many of the MS events. Just a few of the efforts to his credit were maintaining the Ham Radio volunteer database; creation of the map books used by the ambulances, support vehicles and staff; and Harry also created and maintained the registration forms used by the Ham Radio volunteers to register for all of the MS events held throughout the year.

Harry had an unfailing sense of volunteerism. People like him are not always in the forefront of the action, but are happy to be behind the scenes helping in a tremendous way. Harry's passing will leave a large void that will be difficult to fill. Unfortunately, sometimes you don't realize how much of a contribution someone has made until after they have gone.

So, as you take your ride back, and you pass the Harry Lauer (N3ISO) Memorial Rest Stop, think about him and all of the volunteers who help make this event safe and pleasurable for all of its participants. ☺



TO SHORE bike tour, but 4,341 hits as of this writing on the MS 150 directory on the Linwood PBBS. There were 70 hits on the Ocean City PBBS. Sure would have been nice to have about 20 more folks helping on the tour. But lots of folks sure wanted to know what was up!

The W3AA PBBS has a second feed for the time being, which is coming from the N3XEI PBBS in North Phila. Arthur (N3XEI) runs a very nice FBB bulletin board; give him a try.

The K3HD PBBS is still up/down as Rob

(K3HD) makes the move, and works out the bugs from time to time. The W3CH Linwood BBS has been able to forward messages via the SEPA3 node.

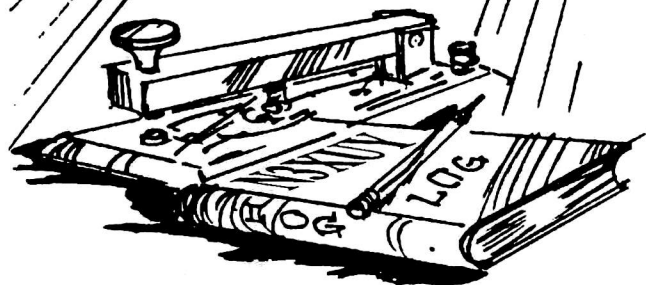
FLASH: Due to the grace of God and two "tower monkeys," the W3AA PBBS is now back on line, and forwarding out to the rest of the world. The W3CH PBBS is also back on line on 144.99 with a new Station Master at 329', with a real good footprint..

That's all that time and space will permit for this month. Happy keyboarding.

73 de Russ (W3CH) one of the sysops @ METRO-LINK PBBS/NODES

PHIL-MONT

*Silent
Key*



Ronald Cella, N3XUY

149TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS SEPTEMBER

6 candidates took 8 elements
1 new amateur plus 1 upgrade

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Mike Collins, NI2E; Jim McCloskey, KE3OP; Wally Newell, W3UK;

Jeff Kerber, KE3UV; Bob Freer, W3YLT

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sion and gate key, a donor has been obtained.

"The Center City off-site is scheduled for reinstallation on Sept. 15th with the help of W3YLT, K3KUD and [N3FVI].

"In summary, we are proceeding with the relocation, although the pace is not as fast as we would like. For those not up to date, WFLN has completely changed its ownership, format, and some of its personnel. Jim Perry, chief engineer, is still employed, with the station call sign changed from WFLN to WMXX, and the format now soft rock as opposed to its former classical music format.

During the change-over process for W3QV, our plan is to use the SCR-1000 back-up repeater as a stand-alone repeater while we remove equipment from WFLN, and reinstall it at the Port Royal Ave. site.

Stay tuned. Jim Spencer W3BBB"

SPECIAL EVENTS-Charlie (AA3EP) reported that help is needed for the MS150 and the Arthritis Foundation Bike Tour.

SUNSHINE - Steve (WU3I) reported two silent keys: Ronald M. Cella (N3XUY) and Harry Lauer (N3ISO).

VE TESTING - Jeff (KE3UV) reported that 6 people took tests resulting in one no code tech and one extra.

WELCOME - Russ welcomed the 40+ members and 9 guests attending the meeting.

YOUTH - Stefanie (KE3ZY) reported that 14 youth members belong to the club, and only 2 that check-in to the net. Please check-in and show your support.

SOCIAL - Russ (W3CH) reported that there will be a club breakfast at Shady Maple in Lancaster County. Details will be

announced. [See page 12.—ed]

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was turned over to our program speakers from Sprint PCS. See you all at the next General Meeting. ☺

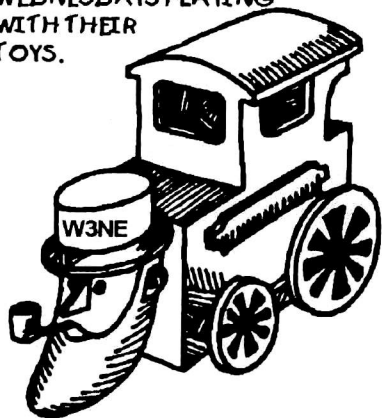
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on the responsibility of committee chairperson to make banquet arrangements for the occasion.

OLD BUSINESS - The sale of disks was brought-up for discussion, and it was agreed to continue selling them at local hamfests. Steve (WU3I) will be going to most of the upcoming hamfests, and has agreed to help with the sale of the disks.

With no more business to discuss, Russ (W3CH) closed the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Special thanks to Jack (W3IIM) for arranging the use of CHI Southampton for the meeting. ☺

W3NE & W3YLT SPEND
WEDNESDAYS PLAYING
WITH THEIR
TOYS.



Youth Net, Your Net

Kornwell Chan, KC3DH

Hey gang, and the rest of you who listen to our Youth Net:

We have to say "Thank you" to our leader Russ (W3CH) and Phil-Mont, for letting us to have our own net; to our net control Steffie (KE3ZY) working hard to push our net in the right direction and always being there on time (except once when she went to the hockey game), and lastly to Eric (N3YXZ), our back-up net control. But we are missing a number of check-ins as we all expected.

Do we agree on that? Of course we do! I think we hit the 20 check-in mark only once, and that's inexcusable for a club which has 200 members at the present time (not to mention nonmembers who listen-in). And as mentioned before, we would like to have a "controversial subject" to be discussed during every net. But so far we haven't had ANY!

No Jim, my mobile antenna is not controversial enough. How about something like... Where do electric vehicles stand in the future? What is the good and the bad?... UFOs?... Is our government wasting money on those Mars projects?... How should the government (us) spend our money?... What is everyone's interest in Amateur Radio?... Do HAMS change their call-sign when they have a different boyfriend or girlfriend?... How about Donald's pool, or even his 30 different rooster sound files?

These ain't bad ideas! I can't think of too many to talk about—we need YOU! If each one of us can come up with something, we'll have a ball every Thursday at 8 p.m. ☺

What's New at The Navy Yard?

Sam Kuncovich, N3QIE

Editor's note: Sam, our loyal 'carfoonest' for these last 40 years, was Chairman of The Committee to Prevent Closing of The PNSY, and is presently Trustee of the Gold Card Club of the IFTPE Local 3.

The base complex is now known as *The Philadelphia Naval Business Center*. All Navy foundry and propeller work is now being done at the shipyard's Foundry & Propeller shop. The "prop shop" now carries the top security classification due to the highly classified submarine propeller produced here. All Navy and commercial shipyards that were doing foundry and propeller work have ended production.

An increase in employment is in the process to handle the added workload.

The Federal printing office at Robbins Avenue is now located at the Naval Base's former Chiefs' Club.

Baltimore's Naval Surface Weapons Office is relocating to building 4, as part of the Navsess office in the shipyard—an increase of 250 jobs. Navsess has taken over more than half of the base area east of Broad Street to Mustin Field.

The Navy Human Resources Office of N.E. Philly is to relocate into the base. Also the Naval Contract Office of Chambersburg is relocating to the base—a total of about 900 new jobs.

Beginning in 1998, the Philadelphia Eagles football team will lease office space on the base (or one of several buildings outside the main gate). They have also leased the Marine Parade Ground for Spring practice. And they may also lease part of the Marine Barracks for locker room and showers.

There is a proposal by several cruise ship lines, though not firm at this writing, for a cruise ship terminal in the area of the

ferry slip to pier 2 of the base and shipyard. There is a lot of work involved before this can be done. The reason for this proposal is that some cruise ships cannot pass under the Walt Whitman Bridge to dock at city piers. This area of the base is an ideal docking point, but the area must be modified to accept this kind of use. The only area now available for business or public use is the naval housing area, the rifle range, and the undeveloped area east of Mustin Field.

Their are more changes likely to come. All, or most of this information comes from Navsess office, and from periodic contact with Congressman Foglietta. ☺

PACKET RACKET

There's much to do on Packet this month! The big news is one of the great PBBS' in the area is back from the dead! It was two years or so ago that KA3FMO sent out the message that his PBBS would be going QRT. Well the second week in September I got e-mail from Art (KA3FMO) that he was back up! WOW! Art has always run a great PBBS, and I was so happy to hear that he was back up, and now is back in the METRO-LINK loop (back bone). This is a good thing! The PBBS is running from Art's new home in Delaware County, Pa. Give him a try.

The two Metro-Link PBBS' in Linwood, PA and Ocean City, NJ got a real workout in September with all the Bike Tour down/up loads going on! Lots of busy signals from users trying to use the dialup side of the BBS in Linwood. Even the radio side was sending back busy, no more channel messages. We were just flat overloaded. The Ocean City PBBS does not have as many phone lines or phone line users, but it even had phone line as well as over the air busys.

Funny, there were just about 114 hams who were helping out on the MS 150 CITY

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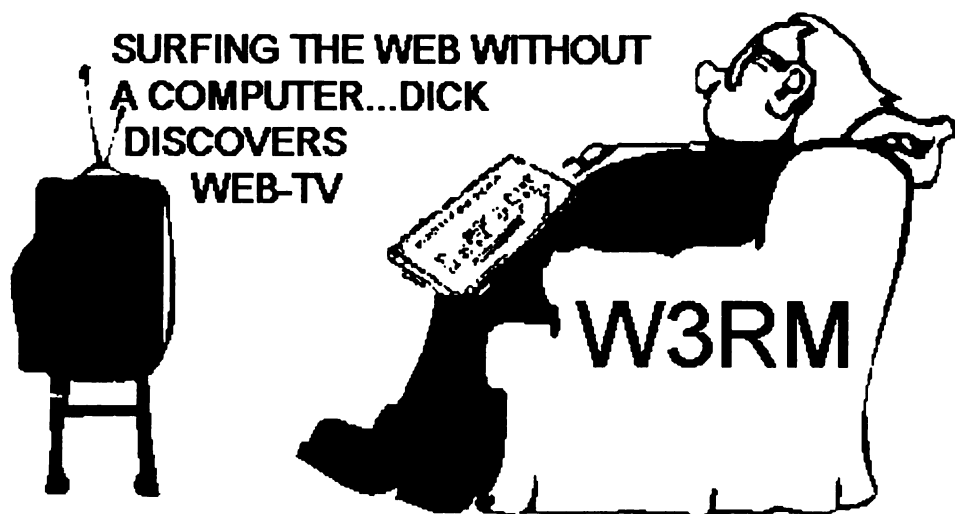
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Russ, W3CH

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PHIL-MONT PHFOOD PHFEST

There will be a Phil-Mont Family Breakfast followed by shopping, etc. on Saturday, October 18th. Bring the family! The morning event will be held at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord in Lancaster County. We will all meet in the parking lot at 09:00 and go in as a group. Talk in on 147.51 simplex. The cost is about \$5 per person. It's about 40 minutes from the Valley Forge interchange of the PA Turnpike.

How to get there: Take the PA Turnpike West to the Morgantown exit. After you come through the tollgate, bear to the right (Morgantown). Head toward Route 23. At the traffic light in Morgantown make a right onto Rt. 23 and follow for a few miles. Shady Maple will be on your left hand side. ☺

THE W 3 A A REPORT

The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

OCTOBER! Things should get busy now that September has come and gone. But before it goes there is the MS150, and W3AA is again playing a part. There will be an APRS setup added as well as the net and med-net control on Sunday afternoon.

The APRS is to track the ambulances. Many thanks to the fine folks at Kenwood. Last month Ben (KA3WWK), was hard pressed for 2M radios for the APRS. I recommended he contact Maria Harlan at Kenwood. Maria was the final person to get the TS-570S for the station. Anyway, Kenwood came through again, and is lending eight new TM-V7A dual banders, which have to be returned after the event—but **WHAT GREAT PEOPLE!!!**

The 6M vertical has been retuned thanks to Al (W3STW) and Barry (K3EUI).

It is imperative that the station be manned *every day*. If you cannot make your scheduled time, and cannot find a replacement, contact the Volunteer Office which has a list of call volunteers. Please give at least 24 hours notice.

—Steve Hoch, WU3I

Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ● <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	2 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. sharp! YOUTH NET @ 8 PM	3	4
5 2M NCS WB3KOJ 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS W3PWG <i>Arthritis Bike Tour Warrington Hamfest</i>	6	7 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	8 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30.	9 YOUTH NET at 8 PM	10	11 <i>Yom Kippur</i>
12 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS W3STW	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM WA3NSP	15 ☾ DIRECTORS' MEETING at N3FVI's	16 ○ YOUTH NET at 8 PM <i>Succos (Jewish Harvest Festival)</i>	17	18
19 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS N3JDM <i>Newtown Hamfest</i>	20 <i>Orionid Meteor Shower</i>	21 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3FVI	22	23 YOUTH NET at 8 PM	24	25
26 ⌚ 2M NCS WA3NSP 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS KB3IV <i>Sellersville Hamfest Daylight Savings Ends</i>	27	28 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	29	30 YOUTH NET at 8 PM	31 ●  <i>All Hallows Eve</i>	Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls, and looks like work. Thomas Edison